

PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT
48 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Sacramento Valley:

In the Sacramento Valley there are currently 28 traps in Glenn County and 5 traps in Sutter County. These traps are scheduled to be checked and removed during the first week of October.

San Joaquin Valley:

The cotton season in the San Joaquin Valley is closing in on harvest time. Therefore program personnel have moved traps from in the field to a safe distance away from the field, so as not to disrupt the harvest process and equipment. Trap servicing and monitoring will continue until September 28, at which point we will begin removing traps from the fields. All traps will be removed by October 8th.

There are currently 475 traps in Fresno County, 337 traps in Kern County, 514 traps in Kings County, 17 traps in Madera County, 532 traps in Merced County, 16 traps in San Joaquin County, 151 traps in Tulare County, and 36 traps along our desert trap line. No native pink bollworm moths (PBW) have been recovered in these counties last year or so far during the current trapping season. Therefore, there are no plans to release sterile moths in cotton fields in the San Joaquin Valley this year.

One trap with a suspect moth from Tulare County was sent to the lab in Phoenix for identification. The lab determined it was not a PBW.

Southern California:

In Southern California trap placement and servicing began in April and will continue through the end of October on a weekly basis. There are currently 14 traps in Imperial County, 133 traps in Riverside County, 0 traps in San Bernardino County, and 47 traps in other desert areas. No native PBW have been recovered in these counties last year or so far during the current trapping season. Therefore, no sterile moths will be released in cotton fields in Southern California this year.

In Imperial County harvesting has begun in some areas, which is why the acreage and trap numbers for Imperial County has decreased.